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The following Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th August, 1961:—

BILL No. XIX OF 1961

A Bill to amend the Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Act, 1956.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Twelfth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. This Act may be called the Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Amendment Act, 1961.

93 of 1956. 2. In section 2 of the Young Persons (Harmful Publications) Act, 1956, for clause (a), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:— Amendment of section 2.

(a) "harmful publication" means any book, magazine, pamphlet, leaflet, newspaper or other like publication which consists of articles, poems, questions and answers (by whatever name they may be called), either illustrated wholly or in part or not containing any illustration, or stories told with the aid of pictures or without the aid of pictures or wholly in pictures, being articles, poems, questions and answers or stories, as the case may be, describing or portraying, wholly or mainly—

- (i) the commission of offences; or
- (ii) acts of violence or cruelty; or
- (iii) incidents of an obscene, repulsive or horrible nature; or

(iv) any matter relating to the private lives of cinema stars;

in such a way that the publication as a whole would tend to corrupt a young person into whose hands it might fall, whether by inciting or encouraging him to commit offences or acts of violence or cruelty or depravity or immorality or in any other manner whatsoever;".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The so-called cinema magazines exert a great deal of bad influence on the immature minds of young persons and tend to corrupt their morals. A check in such publications is very essential and hence this Bill.

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Secretary.